



The Missouri Historical Records Advisory Board (MHRAB) preserves the common past of Missouri's citizens by supporting the work of historical records repositories throughout the state. The MHRAB, in partnership with institutions ranging from the smallest historical society to the largest university, protects the history of the state and the nation by fostering efforts to safeguard historic documents for future generations; by helping to make those records available to the public for research and education; and by providing opportunities for individuals to learn more about their heritage and the need to preserve it.

The MHRAB is the central advisory board for projects relating to historic records that are developed and carried out within the state of Missouri. The board is governed by state statute (RSMo 109.221) and consists of thirteen members – twelve appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate, in addition to the executive director of the State Historical Society. The secretary of state holds the position of state coordinator and chairs the board, with the assistance of the state archivist, who serves as deputy coordinator.



Two of the board's primary duties are to review grant proposals submitted to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) and to award funds from the Missouri State Archives Local Records Grant Program.

NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS COMMISSION GRANTS:

The NHPRC serves as a link between the National Archives and state and local institutions. Through its grant program, the NHPRC promotes the preservation and use of America's documentary heritage. Funding is provided for a variety of activities, including preservation of special collections, creation of archival programs, management of electronic records and professional training. Missouri has received 36 grants from the NHPRC totaling over \$1.5 million. These grants have created enduring records programs at a number of Missouri universities and colleges, as well as large cultural institutions like the Missouri Botanical Garden and the St. Louis Art Museum.



GRANT AWARDS INCLUDE:

MHRAB, \$355,332: To support a regrant program to preserve and make accessible Missouri's records; the Missouri Historical Records Grant Program funded approximately 150 projects and 25 training workshops, primarily in culturally underserved communities, throughout the state.

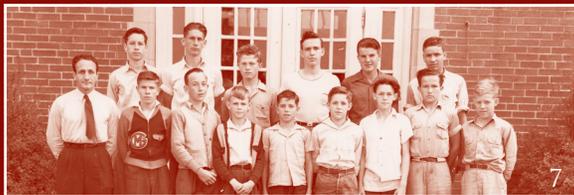
Missouri State University, Springfield, \$130,999: To survey the 25 offices of the university as part of establishing an archives and records management program for the university.

Concordia Historical Institute, Clayton, \$27,500: To process and make available the papers of Walter A. Maier and Eugene Bertermann, who were involved in the development of religious radio broadcasting.

Kansas City Museum Association, \$60,695: To develop a program and system of access for archived materials.

A list of all projects supported in Missouri can be found at www.archives.gov/nhprc/projects/states-territories/mo.html.





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LOCAL RECORDS GRANTS:

The purpose of the Missouri State Archives Local Records Grant Program is to enhance the quality of public records preservation and management in local communities. Funds are awarded to local governments, or political subdivisions with taxing authority, for projects such as records inventories, purchase of archival shelving, conservation of historically significant documents and microfilming of permanent records. Since 1991, the program has provided over \$6.3 million for about 1,000 local records projects.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

MHRAB - www.sos.mo.gov/archives/mhrab/mhrab.asp

To apply for NHPRC Grants - www.archives.gov/nhprc/apply/program.html

To apply for Local Records Grants - www.sos.mo.gov/archives/localrecs/grants/

To sign up for Docline, the listserv provided by the MHRAB for Missouri's historical records community - listserv.sos.mo.gov/listserv/archives/docline.html

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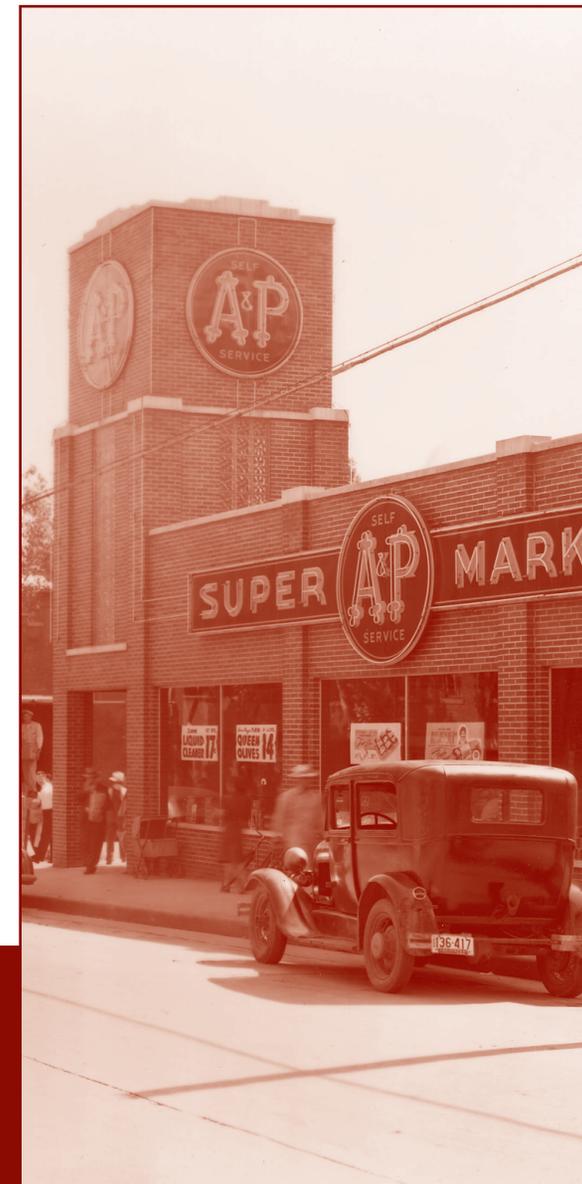


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